

## GERMANY'S NEW STRONG MAN

RISE OF VON KIDERLEN, WHO CAN MAKE PEACE OR WAR.

Kaiser's Foreign Minister Compared to Bismarck; Also to Sanchez Pansa Age Beats Youth at Tennis—Holladay Advice by George F. Baer—Pompeii's Finest Villa Uncovered—English Business Ways—Good Word for Tobacco—More British Officeholders.

LONDON, July 27.—Almost exactly a year ago Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter, who like the accent laid on the second syllable of the Kiderlen—took the post of State Secretary at the German Foreign Office in the Wilhelmstrasse in Berlin in succession to the "dear old gentleman" Herr von Schoen, transferred as Ambassador to Paris. Von Kiderlen himself demanded the post as the price of his remaining in the diplomatic service. Oddly enough a year before that, during the "Kaiser crisis" arising from the famous interview of the *Daily Telegraph*, Von Kiderlen was laughed down in the Reichstag when he strutted up and down the government bench in a wondrous waistcoat of canary color and made a stuttering defence of the Foreign Office. His subsequent history in office proves that a man may be a statesman without being an orator.

To-day it may almost be said that like the Roman Senator of old he carries peace and war in the folds of his toga. He is permanent Foreign Secretary and Germany's responsible agent in the negotiations going on between Germany and France on which the fate of Morocco and perhaps the issue of European peace or war depend. The Kaiser, though on his northern trip far up the coast of Norway, is kept in touch with events in Berlin by wireless and no doubt exerts an important influence on the negotiations, but it is Von Kiderlen who is general on the diplomatic field of battle.

The son of a Stuttgart banker who married a Baroness von Waechter, a lady of the Wurtemberg aristocracy and who in his pride and satisfaction added her name to his own, young Von Kiderlen entered the diplomatic service and was employed at St. Petersburg, Paris and Constantinople. He was always in touch with Herr von Holstein, the mysterious Under Secretary of the Foreign Department, who never left his office except to go to his house and never left his house except to go to his office. Holstein, the recluse, for thirty years exercised an almost uncanny influence on German foreign policy, and it was through Holstein that young Von Kiderlen became acquainted with the high official world of his day.

He became an intimate friend of Prince Eulenburg, the notorious "Phil" of the *camarilla* called after the Prince's ancestral home the "Lichtenberg Round Table," but was not involved in the scandal in which the Prince was the central figure.

In these early days of the young diplomat's career the three associates Von Holstein, Eulenburg and Von Kiderlen were mercilessly lampooned in the comic paper *Kladderadatsch*, which nicknamed them the "Troubadour" (Prince Eulenburg), the "Oyster Lover" (Von Holstein) and the "Dumpling" (Von Kiderlen-Waechter). The nicknames hit off the weaknesses of each of the trio. The Wurtemberg diplomat's fondness for the "Spatzle" (dumplings) of his native kingdom was satirized by the title, which he bears among his intimates to the present time. The lampooning became so gross that Von Kiderlen lost his temper and sent a challenge to Dr. Poldorf, editor of the *Kladderadatsch*. The challenge was accepted, pistols were the weapons chosen and Von Kiderlen's opponent fell with a bullet in his right shoulder.

A rising diplomat, Von Kiderlen had already attracted the Kaiser's notice. The Kaiser found in him a kindred social spirit, a man of a humor not too refined, who could laugh long and heartily, could crack and take a joke, and the coarseness of whose fun was redeemed by wit. He accompanied his royal master on several of his summer trips to the Norwegian fjords and elsewhere until the two had a falling out and Von Kiderlen reverted once more to the rôle of a diligent if comparatively obscure servant of the Foreign Office. The obscurity was only nominal, for though for many years he was relegated to Bucharest as a mere Minister, it fell to him to pull the threads of German foreign policy both in the Balkans and at Constantinople. It was these employments chiefly which supplied Von Kiderlen with the two great opportunities of his diplomatic career.

He was recalled to Berlin to conduct the negotiations for the settlement of the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis and it was he who, having unbounded confidence in the military superiority of Germany, forced Russia to sheathe her half drawn sword. For work of this kind the Foreign Minister, then Baron von Schoen, was known to be wanting in the necessary strength of character; a man of energy and courage was required, and the result justified the selection of Von Kiderlen.

His second coup was the negotiation of the agreement of 1909 with France about Morocco, when he showed that on occasion, while unflinching in his purpose he could roar as mildly as any sucking dove. He was again successful, and Morocco spectre was laid for two years, and if it has now risen again, Von Kiderlen, in the opinion of his countrymen, has the resolution and the skill to exercise it forever.

Von Kiderlen will be 60 next year. He is a confirmed bachelor and lives in the empty villa which is a perquisite of his office and stands in a corner of the park stretching behind the Foreign Office. His opinions differ as widely from the real character of the Foreign Secretary. By his polite cronies he is raised to a level of genial conversation, while his serious, mostly diplomatic colloquies, has the impression of being hard and dominating. One of the latter represents him as using the rough and bluff mannerisms of Bismarck, not forgetting the big cigar, in his dealings with the courtly and cunning French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Jules Cambon.

People often amuse themselves by comparing Von Kiderlen and his titular chief, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, to the familiar figures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, but the comparison is only partly justified. Von Kiderlen is stout and rubeous, with a look of joviality and great common sense, while the Chancellor is tall and spare, with a long head and

## Miss Madeleine Force, Who Is To Marry Col. Astor



Photo by Alm Dupont, N. Y.

MISS MADELEINE FORCE.

Miss Madeleine Talmage Force, who is to become the wife of John Jacob Astor, will meet her future husband's friends at a large dinner dance which Col. Astor will give next Saturday at Newport. Both Miss Force and her older sister, Miss Katherine Force, who was introduced to society a year ago last winter, were frequently in the Astor box at the

philosophic, not to say sombre visage. But about neither is there anything visionary or romantic. Of one thing there is no doubt. The advent of Von Kiderlen as permanent head of the Foreign Department coincides with a stiffening of German foreign policy which is felt in the chancelleries of all countries.

The graft trials in Moscow resulting from the army clothing scandals have ended in the conviction of fifty-three of the sixty-one accused. Three Generals and eight Colonels are among those sentenced for extortion and bribe taking. The sentences run from three years to one year in the criminal convict battalion of the army. Thus the ex-Generals will have the experience of shovelling sand and wheeling stone under the wardenship of private soldiers.

Do the principles of sport permit of such beings as professional women jockeys? A trainer and well known ex-jockey in St. Petersburg named Sharoff wishes to take out a professional license for his daughter, who is 17. She is already valuable to him in riding his horses on their training gallops, but so far the committee of the racing club has asked him not to apply for a license.

There are already two women professional drivers at the St. Petersburg trotting matches. They have moderate success but are some distance from the top of the list.

The dispute between Tolstoy's widow and daughter over the possession of manuscripts of the dead novelist which were in the possession of the Moscow Historical Museum is coming to a climax. The papers were entrusted to Tolstoy's daughter Alexandra and his testamentary literary executrix, and neither the museum authorities nor the courts will recall them. His widow, Countess Sofia, now declares that she will personally exercise a widow's privilege of positioning the Car to order her husband's papers to be given over to her.

Meanwhile some Government officials have arrived at Yasnaya Polyana. Primarily they will have to employ guards to prevent the place from deteriorating. It is not certain whether the property will be made into a show place, but public opinion would prefer that the State should step in rather than that the estate should become dilapidated through family differences.

Is there any connection between the tsetse fly, which is generally regarded as the sole carrier of the germs of sleeping sickness, and African big game? At

Metropolitan Opera House last winter and they were also guests at the annual Astor ball, which has been an institution of the social life of New York for a quarter of a century and which Col. Astor has been maintaining since the death of his mother.

Miss Madeleine Force is in her twentieth year and just went out into society last

winter. She was at Miss Spence's school and there made her friends in New York society. She has also spent much time abroad with her mother and sister. She was born in Flatbush and lived there during her childhood.

Miss Force was interested in the Junior League, which was largely made up last winter of the young girls in her own class at Miss Spence's school.

present there is a conflict of opinion on the question. Men like Livingstone, Stanley, Barnes and Selous have recorded their belief in the theory that the larger mammals harbor the tsetse, but Owen Lister, who has recently traversed the whole of northern Rhodesia, with the object of collecting data on the subject, is of a different opinion.

Mr. Lister found that in many districts where the fly was plentiful there were no buffaloes, and in some districts no game at all. In order that the question may be thoroughly investigated the Royal Society is sending out an expedition to Nyasaland under the control of Sir David Bruce. The labors of the expedition will extend over a period of three years. The cost is estimated at \$75,000.

"Go it, baldhead!" was a cry frequently heard at the recent lawn tennis tournament at Wimbledon, and a spectator could not help observing that gray hairs and bald heads outnumbered the locks of youth among the players after the first day or two. Yet lawn tennis is an athletic game, perhaps the most active of all summer pastimes, demanding unusual powers of endurance, and one looks for endurance and agility in the young.

Finding that the daring and physical strength of youth are beaten by the experience of age, the conclusion to be drawn is that the new generation is not learning the essentials of the game. The group of veterans who beat the youngsters this year cannot be expected to do these wonders again. Young men from other countries will come again and they will win because there will be no opposition to prevent them from doing so. And why? Because, some critics say, the Continent has learned the game from professionals and has learned it upon hard courts.

There is a freedom and power in the foreign style which is absent from the English game, in which fewer risks are taken. In all probability this springs from the fact that the typical courts of the Continent are not grass, but have a hard, smooth surface from which every ball makes a true bound. Scarcely one grass court in ten can be relied upon for a true bound of the ball. On such inferior surfaces style becomes cramped. First class players are not to be trained upon third rate courts.

The best promise for English lawn tennis is the fact that the clubs are losing their faith in grass. In twenty years time the very name of lawn tennis may appear strange to our ears, the number of

actual lawns devoted to the game will have become so small. Already hard courts are being constructed in every direction. In a few years they will probably give England a new school of tennis players who will meet on equal terms the best product of the Continental and American clubs.

"Work hard and play hard is my policy of life," said George F. Baer, president of the Reading Railroad, to a *STN* correspondent. "At present I am playing hard and my mind is 3,000 miles away from business."

"Ten months in the year I work hard. Then I wind up the machine and let the others run it for two months while I come abroad and forget the machine. If it slips a cog the others have got to fix it up, and my peremptory instructions are not to notify me unless something really serious is happening."

"I cannot see much sense in trying to have a vacation if I am worrying every minute about some conditions 3,000 miles away. I try to get my mind completely away from business for two months, and I find that by so doing it makes me better able to attend to affairs during the other ten months."

"My idea of a vacation? Well, at present, it is to jog about in a motor, keep in the open air, see the country and generally enjoy myself in a quiet fashion. I am not a believer in eating up speed records in an automobile. I don't see the fun in covering hundreds of miles a day merely for the sake of going fast and covering great distances."

"I like to do at the utmost eighty miles a day. That is fast enough to be cool on a hot day and slow enough to take in the many beauties of the country through which I am passing. But the speed craze seems to have taken hold of our people generally. I crossed on the Olympic.

We arrived at Plymouth and there was a rush to get off the boat, a rush to get on the train, a rush to get to London at an hour that was plainly inconvenient. Why? For no reason at all except the speed craze.

"P. A. B. Widener, a few others and myself refused to become victims to the mania. We calmly continued to Cherbourg and to Southampton, having an additional day on the boat, a good comfortable night's rest, an unhurried landing at Southampton and an arrival in London at a reasonable hour in the day. What did the people who preceded us gain? Nothing but the satis-

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Some of each of the following sizes: 12, 12½, 13, 13½, 14, 14½, 15, 15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½ and 18. Sold in Lots of Six Only.

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### 1500 Waists---\$1 and \$1.50 Values, 50c. Ea.

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Front and back in profusion of dainty laces and embroidery, designed in the most becoming style; round neck and short sleeves.

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Semi-tailored model, with front panel of heavy embroidery, finished with the new French frill; high neck and three-quarter sleeves. Second floor, rear, Central Building.

### The August Sale of Lace Curtains and Upholsterings Enters the Second Week With Unmatched Offerings.

THE WEEK JUST PASSED brought record selling to the Upholstery Store—never before in the history of this Annual Sale has such tremendous response attended it. We start the second week with enlarged stocks and phenomenal values.

### 1,000 Pairs Colored Cross Stripe Curtains, 49c. a Pair.

This remarkable value in pretty Curtains for cottages and bungalows heads the list of our great Annual Sale.

75c. to 90c. Nottingham Lace Curtains, 49c. a pair.  
\$1.00 Nottingham Lace Curtains, 69c. a pair.  
\$1.50 Nottingham Lace Curtains, 89c. a pair.  
\$1.75 Nottingham Lace Curtains, \$1.19 a pair.  
\$2.25 Nottingham Lace Curtains, \$1.39 a pair.  
\$2.75 Nottingham Lace Curtains, \$1.59 a pair.  
\$4.00 to \$4.75 Nottingham Lace Curtains, \$2.35 a pair.  
\$3.00 Irish Point Lace Curtains, \$1.95 a pair.  
500 pairs imported Scotch madras Curtains, \$1.45 a pair.

\$6.00 to \$7.00 Dentelle corded Arabian Lace Curtains, \$4.85 a pair.  
\$2.00 to \$2.25 English Etamine Novelty Curtains, \$1.29 a pair.  
\$5.00 ruffled lace Bed Sets, \$4.65 a set.  
19c., 25c. and 30c. Quincey Cloth and Arts and Crafts Curtain Serim, 12½c. a yard.  
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Third floor, Central Building.

### Sale of Women's Fur Coats. 1911-12 Styles At Wonderful Saving Prices.

It is a sale of the newest Furs, the newest models at prices that we cannot duplicate in the Fall. The styles for Fall and Winter of 1911-12 will be shown to you, and all the most favored Furs are embraced in the sale.

FURS PURCHASED NOW WILL BE CARED FOR FREE UNTIL FALL.

### Important Purchase and Sale of Boys' Underwear. \$1.00 and \$1.50 Worsted Underwear at 53c.

ONE OF THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING CONCERNS in the country produced a line of unusually high grade Worsted Underwear, and found it was too high priced for their trade.

They offered the entire stock to us at less than cost to cut out the line. Here it is at the lowest price such good Underwear ever sold for. It is perfect, every piece, and proper weight for Fall—some of it light enough for Summer—the kind many boys wear all year round.

The small percentage of cotton in the goods prevents shrinking.

<b>LOT NO. 1.</b> \$1 Value, 53c. Consists of 1,356 pieces—75% pure Worsted, natural color. Medium weight shirts with long or short sleeves—knee pants and ankle length Drawers. English finish, all sizes.	<b>LOT NO. 2.</b> \$1.50 Value, 53c. Boys' 80% Pure Worsted Shirts and Drawers—long sleeve shirts, ankle length Drawers. Natural color. Finished English style. About 350 Pieces in the lot.	<b>LOT NO. 3.</b> \$1 Value, 53c. Boys' 60% Pure Worsted Shirts and Drawers—long sleeve shirts, ankle length Drawers. Natural color, English finish.
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### 29,670 Yards of Ribbon Loom Ends. Regularly 5c. to 75c., Now 2c. to 24c. Yd.

All new, up-to-date Ribbons, just from the looms; some are very slightly damaged.

The lot consists of Taffetas, Satin Taffetas, Moires, fancy Jacquard Patterns, Beltings, Wash Ribbons, etc.

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### Some of the Best of the Famous Offers In the Unmatched August Furniture Sale.

<b>\$3.50 Oak Rockers, \$2.50.</b> Golden oak, saddle wood seat, panel back.	<b>\$27.50 Dressing Tables, \$20.</b> Mahogany Toilet Table with shaped French bevel mirror.	<b>\$13.00 Oak Couches, \$10.00.</b> Golden oak frame, covered with imitation leather; tufted; well upholstered.
<b>Brass Beds.</b> At \$10.00, value \$15.00. Polish or satin finish. All widths. At \$12.00, value \$18.00. Polish or satin finish. All widths. At \$14.00, value \$20.00. Polish or satin finish. All widths. At \$16.00, value \$22.00. Polish or satin finish. All widths.	<b>White Enameled Beds.</b> At \$2.00, value \$3.25. All widths. At \$2.25, value \$3.50. All widths. At \$2.50, value \$3.75. All widths. At \$2.75, value \$4.00. All widths. At \$3.00, value \$4.25. All widths. At \$3.25, value \$4.50. All widths. At \$3.50, value \$4.75. All widths. At \$3.75, value \$5.00. All widths. At \$4.00, value \$5.25. All widths. At \$4.25, value \$5.50. All widths. At \$4.50, value \$5.75. All widths. At \$4.75, value \$6.00. All widths. At \$5.00, value \$6.25. All widths.	<b>Buffets &amp; Sideboards.</b> At \$12.75, value \$18.00. Golden Oak Buffet. At \$14.00, value \$17.50. Golden Oak Buffet. At \$16.00, value \$20.00. Golden Oak Buffet. At \$20.00, value \$25.00. Golden Oak Buffet.
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